

Minutes of the 306th meeting of KWA held on 27/03/2008 at 2.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.

Members Present:

1. Sri. K.Jayakumar IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. S.M. Vijayanand IAS	Member (Ex-Officio)
3. Sri. Illickal Augusty	Member
4. Sri. C.Ravindran	Member
5. Sri. Velayudhan Vallikunnu	Member
6. Sri. M. S. Gopakumar	Member
7. Sri. C.Suresh Babu	Managing Director
8. Sri. T.P. Mohanlal	Technical Member
9. Sri. V.K.Girijavallabhan, IA&AS	Accounts Member

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 305th Meeting held on 16/02/2008

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 305th meeting held on 16/02/2008 along with the following additions before the 1st item.

The Authority placed on record the great contributions rendered by Sri. Baby John, former Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Government of Kerala to the state and particularly to the Authority and deeply condoled his sad demise.

Item No. I (2) Review of action taken in the previous meetings

The Authority noted the report of action taken on the decision of the previous meetings.

Item No. I (3) Status of Ongoing Schemes

The Authority reviewed the progress achieved on the ongoing works. While reviewing the works taken up under 'deposit works' it is noted that even though the deposit received by Kerala Water Authority as per the note is Rs. 4948.06 lakhs, the expenditure up to end of February 2008 is only Rs. 666.66 lakhs. The Authority expressed its apprehension on the low financial progress achieved, even though such a huge amount is collected as deposits. The Authority felt that the holding up of funds at Division level for long periods may pave way for diversion. After discussion, the Authority directed the Managing Director to depute a team for a special audit on

deposit works and place the Audit report before the Authority in its next meeting.

Item No. I (4) Details of works of the Ongoing Schemes

The Authority reviewed the status of the ongoing works of which the period of completion had since been over. The Authority noted that the works are yet to be completed even though the period of completion is over long time back and expressed its displeasure. The Authority directed the Managing Director to chart out an action plan for the immediate completion of all the works which had already exceeded the completion date.

Item No. II (1) Cash Flow Statement for the period 01/04/2007 to 29/02/2008

The Authority noted the contents.

Item No. II (2) Proposal for water spot billing by Hand held Machine

The Authority discussed the item in detail and decided to approve in principle the proposal as a pilot study in PH Division, Thiruvananthapuram and directed the Managing Director to arrange the pilot study after obtaining competitive quotations from prospective firms.

Item No. II (3) Settlement of water charge arrears due from PCH-1384

The Authority noted the item in detail and observed that the notes presented before it is insufficient to take a decision and hence directed Managing Director to place fresh note along with all details for its consideration.

Item No. III (1) ARWSS to Panavoor, Pullampara and Vembayam Panchayaths – Supplying, Laying, Testing and Commissioning of 300 mm DI K9 – Pumping main from Treatment Plant at Thengincode to OHSR at Alummukku – Proposal

Res. No. 7624

The Authority noted the item and resolved to accord sanction for arranging the work of laying 300 mm DI K9 pumping main from Treatment Plant at Thengincode to OHSR at Alummukku for a length of 5500m under ARWSS to Panavoor, Pullampara and Vembayam Panchayaths on supplying and laying basis at an estimated cost of Rs. 220.00 lakhs.

- Item No. III (2) ARWSS to Maneed and Mulanthuruthy – Laying distribution lines in Zone I, II and III in Maneed Panchayat*
- Res. No. 7625 The Authority noted the item in detail. After considering the reasons put forth for executing the extra items as well as the excess quantity and considering that there are no audit or vigilance enquiry pending for this work, the Authority **resolved to approve the revised estimate for the work at Rs. 12,42,992/- i.e. @ 54.61% above the tendered PAC of Rs. 8,03,992/- with the condition that any excess payment already made to the contractor shall be recovered.**
- Item No. III (3) SCP – Providing Water Supply to Cherapat, Paippra, Therappara and Thrikkalathur Harijan Settlement Colonies in Paippra Panchayat – Construction of Well cum Pump House, Infiltration Gallery and Ground Level Tank*
- Res. No. 7626 The Authority discussed the item in detail. It is also noted that an audit objection is pending for want of approval of the revised estimate. Considering the reasons put forth for executing the excess quantity as well as the extra items, the Authority **resolved to sanction the revised estimate at Rs. 7,13,679/- i.e., @ 77.2% above the tendered PAC of Rs. 4,02,762/- with the condition that any excess payment already made to the contractor shall be recovered.**
- Item No. III (4) CARWSS to Moorkanad and adjoining villages-Construction of 15mld output capacity Water Treatment Plant (Rapid Sand Filter) and allied structures at Thudiyarathukunnu, Malappuram District – Tender -withdrawal of performance guarantee condition*
- Res. No. 7627 The Authority discussed item in detail. The work was awarded to the contractor at 42.40% below the estimate rate. As the below rate is more than 25%, performance guarantee was insisted. The contractor had objected to this stating that this was not stipulated in the NIT. The Managing Director informed that the contractor has got a good track record and is confident that the contract will execute the work satisfactorily. Moreover, if the work is re-tendered, the chance of getting an offer like this is very remote. Considering all these points, the Authority **resolved to waive the performance guarantee already insisted for the work as a very special case.**

Item No. III (5) ARWSS to Veliyannoor and adjoining villages phase I and III – Supplying, laying and commissioning of pumping main for an approximate length of 5880 m with 300 mm DI (K9) pipe from clear water pump house at Treatment Plant site to the gate of existing pump house at Peruva and Branch lines of 200 mm CI Cl-A (25 m) to the sump and of 150 mm GI medium (45 m) to OH tank at Peruva.

The Authority noted the details presented before it.

Item No. III (6) Nabard Assisted Water Supply Scheme to Pandaloor village – Supplying and laying 250mm DI K9/MS pipe (ISI/ISO) for clear water pumping main from Anakkayam Sump to OHSR at Naippadamkunnu –Non acceptance of the Work Order by the contractor

The Authority noted that the contractor had backed out from the tender as there is deviation from the NIT while issuing the work order which had occurred due to change in site and hence the work was re-tendered.

Item No. III (7) WSS to Feroke Census Town & Karuvanthuruthy- Construction, testing and commissioning of 22.89 Lakh litre capacity OH Reservoir in Feroke Panchayat in Kozhikkode District-Tender

Res. No. 7628 The Authority discussed the item in detail. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the high above rate is mainly due to the recent increase in the cost of cement, steel and sand. The work involved mainly cement work including concreting and that the rate now offered is reasonable. considering all these points, the Authority resolved to accept the offer of Sri. V. P. Shamsudeen for the subject work at a cost of Rs. 245.25 lakhs, which is 50% above the estimate cost of Rs. 163.50 lakhs.

Item No. IV (1) KWA – Estt – Medical Advance – Smt. A. Kamalamma, HC, PH Sub Division, Kollam.

Res. No. 7629 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 1,84,000/- (Rupees One lakh and eighty four thousand only) to Smt. A. Kamalamma, HC, PH Sub Division, Kollam for treatment of herself for 'Carcinoma Breast' at Lakeshore Hospital, Cochin subject to the following conditions:

1. The advance shall be utilized within three months or else it should be refunded in full along with 12% simple interest, immediately on expiring of three months. Utilization certificate should be furnished to the Loan Disbursing Authority within three months of receipt of the loan.
2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within six months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted along with 12% simple interest shall be recovered from the salary of the incumbent @ 500/- per month.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subject to the rules, applicable to Kerala Water Authority.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect before disbursing the advance sanctioned.
5. Un-recovered balance if any shall be recovered from the DCRG of the incumbent.

Item No. IV (2) KWA – Estt – Medical Advance – Sri. P. V. Selvaraj, Head Office, Jalabhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.

Res. No. 7630

The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees Thirty five thousand only) to Sri. P. V. Selvaraj, HC, HO, Thiruvananthapuram for treatment of his son for Congenital Inguinal Hernia at NIMS Hospital, Neyyattinkara subject to the following conditions:

1. The advance shall be utilized within three months or else it should be refunded in full along with 12% simple interest, immediately on expiring of three months. Utilization certificate should be furnished to the Loan Disbursing Authority within three months of receipt of the loan.
2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within six months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted along with 12% simple interest shall be recovered from the salary of the incumbent @ 500/- per month.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subject to the rules, applicable to Kerala Water Authority.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect before disbursing the advance sanctioned.
5. Un-recovered balance if any shall be recovered from the DCRG of the incumbent.

Item No. IV (3) Posting of Law Officer Grade II

The Authority discussed the item in detail and directed the Managing Director to place the item again for its consideration along with the legal opinion obtained from an advocate who is a good service consultant.

Item No. IV (4) Conversion of personal residential telephone of Deputy Chief Engineer (GL) to official residential telephone.

Res. No. 7631

The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the conversion of residential telephone bearing No.2438511 as official residential phone of the Deputy Chief Engineer (GL) with effect from 11.02.2008 subject to the condition that the telephone charges in respect of STD calls will be paid by the Officer and total number of bimonthly calls chargeable to Kerala Water Authority account will be limited to 750 Nos. and bimonthly rent and the applicable tax are also payable by the Kerala Water Authority.

Item No. IV (5) The details of employees who have liabilities of Rs. 3.00 lakhs and above

The Authority noted the item and directed the Managing Director to issue final notice to the concerned officers now in service informing them to remit the liability amount, failing which action shall be initiated for recovering the amount from their salary. With regard to already retired officers, after issuing final notice appropriate action shall be initiated against them under civil procedure code, Public Accountant Act or Revenue Recovery Act to realize the amount from them.

Item No. V (1) JBIC assisted KWSP – TvpM Scheme – Package 3 – Distribution systems- Extra cost due to change in class of uPVC pipes, non BoQ uPVC fittings, non BoQ DI specials and excess requirement of DI specials

The Authority deferred the item and directed the Managing Director to convene a special exclusive meeting for considering the items related to JBIC projects which are place in this meeting.

Item No. V (2) JBIC assisted KWSP - Institutional Strengthening – Procurement of Equipment and Tools.

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. V (3) JBIC assisted KWSP - Institutional Strengthening – Procurement of Services – KWA Utility Management Development Programme – Request for approval for Implementation.

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. V (4) JBIC assisted KWSP - Institutional Strengthening – Terms of Reference for Engagement of Management Consultant for Preparation and Implementation of Strategic Development Plan, Organisation Rearrangement Plan, Policy / Procedural Reforms – Status Update.

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. V (5) JBIC assisted KWSP - Package II Thiruvananthapuram /Kozhikode2A/Kozhikode2B/Meenad/Pattuvam-Time Extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VI (1) Procurement of a new office car to IPD Division and a new Jeep to IPD Sub division, Kochi on buyback basis- Sanction

Res. No. 7632 **The Authority resolved to accord sanction for the purchase of a new Tata Indica Diesel car and Mahindra jeep on buyback basis for IPD Division, Kochi and IPD Sub Division, Kochi respectively.**

Item No. VI (2) Transfer of well and pump house owned by KWA for the use of G.V.H.S.S Ambalavayal in Wayanad District

Res. No. 7633 The Authority discussed the item in detail. It is noted that well and pump house requested is for providing drinking water to the GVHS School. The Authority observed that it is not fair to ask the school authorities to pay the electricity charges payable by Kerala Water Authority even though they are prepared for the same. However Managing Director pointed out that if Kerala Water Authority remit the amount, Kerala Water Authority has to ask the KSEB to close the account on remitting the amount. But when the school Authorities has to take a new connection, they would have to spend an amount which will be higher than the dues from Kerala Water Authority. That is why they had agreed to bear the electricity dues of Kerala Water Authority. Once they remit the amount they could very well transfer the connection to their name. Considering all these aspects, the Authority

resolved to hand over the well and pump house along with the land where the structures are constructed after realizing the assessed value of Rs. 88,551/-. The Authority further resolved that the Electricity charges up to Rs. 16,000/- shall be met by the school authorities and any excess amount beyond Rs. 16,000/- shall be paid by Kerala Water Authority.

Item No. VI (3) RWSS to Chavara Pump House at Karithura – Request for mining in the land possessed by Kerala Water Authority by the Indian Rare Earths Ltd.

Res. No. 7634 The Authority observed that the site requested is for mining of rare earths which is a costly commodity and that the Indian Rare Earths Ltd. has to pay royalty for the minerals they are mining. Hence the Authority directed the Managing Director to address M/s. Indian Rare Earths Ltd. to propose the royalty payable to Kerala Water Authority in lieu of the mineral mind out from the land. With this observation, the Authority resolved to address Government for prior approval for permitting M/s. Indian Rare Earths Ltd. for conducting the mining activity up on realizing the royalty amount.

Item No. VI (4) Display Advertisement – Awareness against misuse of drinking water among public – Ratification

Res. No. 7635 The Authority resolved to ratify the actions of Managing Director for releasing display advertisement for awareness against misuse of drinking water among public to 22 dailies belongs to A category, 10 dailies belongs to B category, 9 dailies belongs C category 2 dailies belongs to D category (quarter page) all at PRD rate, Malayala Manorama at Commercial rate (15 x 12.2), Indian Express and Hindu English dailies (at KWA contract rate) (quarter page) and making payment

Item No. VI (5) Review of billing and Collection for the month of January 2008

The Authority noted the item.

Item No. VII (1) Budget Estimates for the year 2008-09 and Revised Estimates for the year 2007-08.

Res. No. 7636 The Authority considered and approved the budget estimate for the year 2008-09 and the revised estimate for the year

2007-08 and resolved to submit the same to the Government for approval. The Authority noted the inability to complete the ongoing LIC aided water supply scheme with the meagre allocation during current year and resolved to defer awarding of fresh components of work for these schemes during 2008-09 except where the schemes are in advanced stages of completion. The Authority also resolved to direct Managing Director to pursue the tariff revision proposal pending with the Government to avoid the default in the payment of power charges. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to draw up annual action plan for the year 2008-09 and place it before the next Board.

- Item No. VII (2) ARWSS to Vallicode, Kodumon and Angadical villages – Supplying and laying 250 mm CI CI LA pumping main from sump at treatment plant site to GL tank at Zeonkunnu – tender*
- Deferred.
- Item No. VII (3) ARWSS to Veliyannur and adjoining villages - LIC aided augmentation of CWSS to Vaikom and nearby panchayats – construction of substation building at Chengalapalam – tender*
- Deferred.
- Item No. VII (4) CARWSS to Elappara & adjoining villages -- Supplying and Laying 350mm DI (K9) Raw water pumping main for a length of 410 m. – Tender*
- Deferred.
- Item No. VII (5) LIC Aided Interim Augmentation of UWSS to Thalassery and adjoining towns – Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2 Nos. centrifugal pump set and connected works at sump and pump house at Konorvayal for pumping water to OH tank at Moorakunnu–Tender-Explanation of CE (NR)*
- Deferred.
- Item No. VII (6) Water Supply Augmentation to Parur Municipality and adjoining Panchayats – Improvements to Chowara Head works and Laying Pumping Main from Chowara to Parur sump – Waiving of Fine.*
- Deferred.

Item No. VII (7) JBIC Assisted KWSP – Thiruvananthapuram City Region – Package I – Intake Works and Treatment Plant – extension of contract period

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (8) JBIC Assisted KWSP - Pattuvam and adjoining villages Package 2 – Transmission Mains –Time extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (9) JBIC Assisted KWSP- Pattuvam and Adjoining Villages – Package II – Transmission Mains – Variation in different types of pipes and fittings and Extra cost due to non – BoQ items – approval

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (10) JBIC Assisted KWSP - Meenad and adjoining villages Package 2 – Transmission Mains –Time extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (11) JBIC Assisted KWSP - Package 2A of Kozhikode Scheme – Transmission Mains –Time extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (12) JBIC Assisted KWSP - Package 2B of Kozhikode Scheme – Transmission Mains –Time extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (13) Approval of rate for the Non BoQ DI specials for Package II A & B, Kozhikkode

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (14) JBIC Assisted KWSP - Thiruvananthapuram Package 2 – Transmission Mains –Time extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VII (15) Estt-Enhanced rate of Dearness Allowance to employees – ratification

Deferred.

Item No. VII (16) Estt-Relaxation of economy measures – Restoration of withheld allowances to Provisional employees appointed between 16.01.2002 to 31.05.2003.

Deferred.

Item No. VII (17) Regularization of Sri. E.M. Padmaraj, NMR Operator in the unqualified list instead of qualified hands due to omission with effect from 1.04.1989.

Deferred.

Item No. VIII (1) Appointment/Absorption of Shri.P.E.Radhakrishnan & Shri.A.Sahadevan as Part Time Contingent Servants

Res. No. 7637 The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director reported that the only objection in appointing these two persons is that their age is above the upper age limit of 35 years. The Authority observed that both the persons are already of 54 years of age and getting a new job is not possible for them. Considering these aspects with a humanitarian view, the Authority resolved to accord **sanction for appointing Shri.P.E.Radhakrishnan and Shri.A.Sahadevan as category 2 Part Time contingent servants in this organization in relaxation to the upper age limit and method of appointments specified in the rules.**

Item No. VIII (2) Estt – Absorption of Shri.T.M.Azad, Smt.K.K.Sarala, Smt.K.T.Santha and Sri.N.Radhakrishnan as part time sweepers – post of part time sweeper creating of

Res. No. 7638 The Authority resolved to accord sanction for absorbing **Sri.T.M.Azad, Smt.K.K.Sarala, Smt.K.T.Santha and Sri.N.Radhakrishnan as par time sweepers in this organization exempting them from the age and method of appointment specified in the rules and to create the required 4 numbers of part time posts for accommodating them as a special case as prescribed by Government in GO (P) No. 501/2005/Fin dated 25/11/2005 and the guidelines issued by the Government thereon.**

Item No. VIII (3) Estt – Medical Reimbursement Rules for KWA

Res. No. 7639 The Authority noted that PSUs like KSEB and KSRTC hadn't adopted the G.O.(P) No. 60/2007/Fin dated 15/2/2007 and that they are following the medical reimbursement rules of their own. Hence the Authority resolved to address

Government informing that Kerala Water Authority is not going to implement the G.O.(P) No. 60/2007/Fin dated 15/2/2007 and will continue with the present system of medical reimbursement rules as in the case of KSEB and KSRTC.

Item No. VIII (4) Regularization of Service of Sri.V.S.Pradeep in the post of Accounts Manager and appointment to the post of FM&CAO.

The Authority noted the item and directed the Managing Director to place before it the details of recruiting procedure to be followed in the case of FM & CAO.

Item No. VIII (5) Request for the regularisation of service of Smt. G. Sujatha, Data Base Administrator

The Authority noted the item and directed the Managing Director to place before it the details of recruiting procedure to be followed in the case of Data Base Administrator.

Item No. VIII (6) JBIC Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project- Meenad and adjoining villages -Package I-Intake Works and Water Treatment Plant - Time Extension

Deferred in view of the decision on Item No. V (1).

Item No. VIII (7) Publishing the rates of pipes for estimation purpose

Res. No. 7640

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director explained in detail the circumstance under which the rate for different sizes and types of pipes are to be fixed for the estimation purpose as in the case of revision of schedule of rates by Government. considering all these aspects the Authority **resolved to approve the following rates as the present rates for pipes and sizes noted against each and communicate to all offices of Kerala Water Authority for estimation purpose.**

Sl. No.	Size (mm)	Rate /Metre					
		Pressure Rating					
		2.5 Kgf/cm2	4 Kgf/cm2	6 Kgf/cm2	8 Kgf/cm2	10 Kgf/cm2	12.5 Kgf/cm ²
1	20					10.15	13.10
2	25				14.25	15.6	19.60
3	32				22.35	24.95	32.10
4	40			24.95	33.25	39.5	50.65
5	50			38.7	52.45	58	76.40
6	63		41.87	60.45	79.7	91.2	121.00

8	90	57.00	84.3	118.94	154.1	185.1	243.5
9	110	84.75	118.94	174.5	230.25	274.22	339.7
10	140	130.65	200.51	285.55	380.27	458.87	586.65
11	160	172.60	253.8	362.96	496.04	601	718.7
12	180	220.00	336.5	482.25	621.2	760.1	966
13	200	270.75	407.2	597.1	770.8	940.2	1136.3
14	225	347.50	536	776	991.6	1232.00	1512.00
15	250	418.75	649	961	1243.75	1523.00	1876.25

REMARKS

The above rates are inclusive of Cenvat @ 14% and KVAt @4% transportation, loading and unloading charges etc.

II DI PIPES

SIZE MM	For Rates Rs/m With Nil Excise Duty & Inclusive of CST @ 4% & Transportation	
	Class-K7	Class-K9
200	1301	1497
250	1716	2009
300	2174	2543
350	2700	3144
400	3249	3781
450	3845	4513
500	4471	5220
600	5905	6885
700	7906	8792
750	9129	9903
800	10686	11176
900	12700	13421
1000	14922	15773
SIZE MM	For Rates Rs/m With Full Central Excise Duty @14.42%, CST @ 4% & Transportation	
	Class-K7	Class-K9
100	809	904
150	1184	1327

III GI PIPES

size and class (mm) Medium	Rate (Rs./meter)
15	84.62
20	108.45
32	218.7
40	229.5
50	334.8
65	454.5
80	589.5
100	859.5
150	

Excise Duty inclusive of @ 14.42 % and 4% CST

IV SW PIPES**TANCEM STONEWARE PIPE FACTORY, TAMILNADU**

Dia (mm)	Length in m	Rate(Rs./pipe)
100	0.6	50.96
150	0.6	97.15
200	0.6	153.02
250	0.6	226.2
300	0.6	362.38

General item.

Res. No. 7641

The Managing Director informed the Authority that he is laying down his post as Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority with effect from 31/3/2008 on superannuation and thanked the Chairman and other Members of the Authority for the advice and help extended to him while he was officiating as Technical Member and thereafter as Managing Director. The Chairman and members of the Authority thanked the outgoing Managing Director for the service rendered by him. The Authority thereafter **resolved to place on record the commendable service rendered by the outgoing Managing Director Sri. C. Suresh Babu to the Authority and extended him a happy and prosperous retired life.**


SECRETARY


MANAGING DIRECTOR


CHAIRMAN